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**CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM #201
321 E. 12TH STREET
DES MOINES, IOWA
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

- Present:** Tom Ferguson (Presiding), Elaine Armstrong, Dean Austin, Mike Coveyou for Ross Loder, Phil Douglas, Daniel Hoeger, Sen. Robert Hogg, Gary Kendell, Clarence Key, Jr., Mary Nelson, Sue Nelson, Lettie Prell, Sherri Soich
- Staff:** Paul Stageberg, Phyllis Blood, Julie Rinker-Lind
- Absent:** Preston Daniels, Paul Fitzgerald, Abraham Funchess, Rep. Lance Horbach, Catherine Reaman-Gerdes, Tomas Rodriguez, Rep. Kurt Swaim, Sen. Pat Ward

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Tom Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of May 13, 2009 Minutes

Phil Douglas moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gary Kendall. The motion carried.

III. Division and Department Update

Paul Stageberg reported on the following:

- A \$200,000 grant was received from stimulus funds for the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) project.
- The statewide drug court evaluation has been completed and is posted on the CJJP website. Stageberg reviewed the major findings from the evaluation. He noted that individuals who participated in the "Judge" model did better than the "Community Panel" model in just about everything measured. He attributed the success to the fact that a judge is more of an authority figure.

- The Criminal Code Revision Committee has proposed the establishment of a "Public Safety Advisory Board" to review existing criminal law, sentencing, and recommend changes to the Executive and Legislative Branches. To avoid duplication, it was recommended that this Council (CJ) serve this purpose. The group would provide an analysis of proposed criminal code revisions, make recommendations, as well as provide expertise and advice to the Judicial Branch regarding minority impact statements.

Stageberg reviewed the proposed changes to CJJP's enabling statute, including two additional council members. The changes would add to the responsibilities of CJJP and the CJ Council. If the changes pass, the report to the Legislature would be due by December 1 rather than the current deadline of February 1. These changes would not be implemented until funding is awarded for two full time employees.

- The proposal to reorganize DHR is nearing final format. At this time, CJJP should not be adversely affected. The current number of nine Divisions within DHR may be reduced.

IV. 2009 Monitoring Report

Phyllis Blood asked for comments regarding format of the draft and recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature. The final draft would be approved during the December meeting. Once approved, the report would be submitted immediately rather than waiting until February.

The Goals contained in the report were reviewed and the following recommendations were discussed:

Goal #1 – To establish Iowa as the state with the lowest violent and property crime rates in the nation.

- Information should include Iowa comparisons and trends – violent crime rate is increasing because of assault
- Violent and Property Crime information will include a list of the types of crimes that fall under the particular category

Goal #2 – To establish a justice system that is operating efficiently, effectively and equitably to ensure public confidence.

- Discussion should acknowledge that relative average to the rest of the nation is deteriorating and assault is the underlying factor
- Cost data should be included and should be available from the Department of Justice
- List references to include "see Goal #3"
- Costs data for DOC
- Recommendations should include having better access to county jail information

Goal #3 – To have all aspects of the justice system free of bias, perceived bias and disparate treatment of offenders, victims, or witnesses.

- Remove the word "perceived bias"
- Incorporate data from the Governor's Youth Race & Detention Task Force, including decision points
- Use the same information for juveniles as adults

Goal #4 – To provide appropriate intervention and treatment services to mentally ill offenders in the justice system.

- Include mental health courts and community-based corrections programs
- Include information regarding training on dealing with mentally ill subjects provided during basic training at the ILEA
- National Association of Counties provides information regarding alternatives to mental health jail settings

Goal #5 – To provide appropriate intervention and treatment services to offenders in the justice system with substance abuse problems.

- Since family drug court is designed around child welfare, perhaps it should be moved to the discussion regarding juvenile findings
- Lead discussion with information from the Department of Corrections, including costs for substance abuse treatment
- Under new initiatives, discuss ways to prevent families with these issues from moving into the criminal system
- May need to look at other things before recommending expansion—target population, type of kids who were more successful in the program

Goal #6 – To ensure services for victims or crime are an integral part of the justice system in Iowa.

- Information should indicate the number as well as downward trend of:
 - county attorney offices with victim witness coordinators
 - shelters,
 - counties with access to programs has gone down
- Include information where DART/SART programs exist
- Due to the lack of resources, service is decreasing

Goal #7 – To ensure correctional resources are sufficient to meet current and foreseeable needs.

- Information will be taken from the Prison Population Forecast

Goal #8 – To implement evidence-based sanctions supervision, treatment and services for adult offenders that are equally accessible and applied consistently across the state.

Goal #9 – To administer sanctions, supervision, treatment and services for juvenile offenders that are equally accessible (to the degree possible) across the state, culturally competent, gender responsive and have been documented as effective.

- A number of judicial districts are embedding evidence-based practices in contracts (Functional Family Therapy, Aggression Replacement Training) – include what data will show and what we hope to see from this data in the future

It was agreed that a draft report will be sent within the next 30 days. Council members should anticipate providing any recommendations and changes upon receipt. A final format will be presented near the first of December and the Council will vote on the final draft during the December 9 meeting.

V. Council issues or concerns

None

VI. Other business

None

VII. Future meeting date, December 9

The next meeting will be held December 9, 2009.

VIII. Adjournment

Dan Hoeger moved to adjourn, seconded by Clarence Key. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Rinker-Lind
Administrative Secretary

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